Judiciary Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Facts and Figures

The Judiciary Requested:

\$5.4 billion, compared to the FY 2003 appropriation of \$4.9 billion. A 10.5 percent increase needed to fund rising workload-related needs.

Needed:

7.3 percent increase just to maintain current services

Congress Approved:

H.R. 2673, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 gives the Judiciary a 5.7 percent increase over FY 2003. The House passed the bill, the Senate is expected to consider the bill on January 20, 2004.

Then Reduced:

Across-the-board cuts further reduced the Judiciary appropriation to a **4.7 percent** increase over FY 2003.

Provides:

The 4.7 percent increase provides **\$4 billion** in FY 2004 for the Judiciary's main account that funds court operations, **\$129 million** below the amount needed to maintain court staffing levels and make necessary payments to private panel attorneys.

For the Judiciary as a whole, the Omnibus bill provides **\$5.1 billion**, \$306 million below our FY 2004 request.